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Morning Fix

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Good morning, subscribers. After the Tubbs fire destroyed his Santa Rosa home, Brian Fies picked up his Sharpies and his sketchbook and wrote a graphic novel memoir about experiencing such catastrophic loss. Was the experience cathartic? Not necessarily, he tells reporter Sam Whiting. Read more here.

Top Stories

Did Julia Child really dine at Tu Lan? A legend rediscovered

By Peter Hartlaub

The legend has been repeated in the newsroom, and the rest of the city, for decades. Is this just another Bay Area tale that is too captivating to be doubted?

Oakland police failed to adequately probe fatal shooting of homeless man, monitor says

By Megan Cassidy

A court-appointed monitor overseeing the Oakland Police Department rejected the findings of internal investigations into the police killing of a homeless man.

New agency would raise funds to build thousands of housing units in Bay Area

By Rachel Swan

Agency would raise public funds to build thousands of homes a year, provide emergency rental assistance and help cities acquire land parcels for affordable housing.

Neighborhood-preference program to keep residents close to home proving effective

By Dominic Fracassa

A San Francisco program meant to protect people in close-knit neighborhoods from being uprooted by gentrification and soaring housing costs appears to be working.

Writings on race and sexual orientation raise questions about Trump's nominee to Ninth circuit

By Bob Egelko

Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris have seized on his writings, saying Lee did not disclose them or others like them to a congressional panel.

Mid-Market gets first taste of food trucks — on a stretch that's been tough on dining spots

By Melia Russell

It's the first time San Francisco has allowed food trucks on the city's main drag — and their arrival brought plenty of excitement, with a small side order of chagrin.

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Second time a charm? SF supervisor's proposal to limit corporate cafeterias is back

By Trisha Thadani

Months after the Planning Commission shot down a proposed ban on new employee cafeterias, a supervisor plans to propose a watered-down version of the legislation.

Wolves are about to go off the federal endangered list. Conservationists are angry

By Peter Fimrite

A plan to eliminate federal protections for gray wolves has infuriated conservationists throughout the American West, but the canine carnivores will remain protected in California.

Breed targets bureaucracy in effort to improve SF pedestrian safety

By Rachel Swan

The mayor has directed three city agencies to accelerate safety projects and ramp up enforcement on city streets that officials have dubbed "high injury corridors."

Shaping the future: Small models still play role in big-city architecture

By John King

For some architects, old habits die hard — physical models play a role in the creative process that can't be emulated on a computer screen.

ICE facility in Bakersfield holding 400 detainees will remain open

By Tatiana Sanchez

Hundreds of families and immigration advocates said ICE kept them in the dark about the future of the detainees and were concerned they'd be transferred to other facilities.

University of California undergrads won’t face a tuition hike in the fall, UC announces

By Lauren Hernández

It will be the seventh time in the last 8 years that UC officials have kept tuition the same for California residents amid rising costs and enrollment numbers.

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Politics

California takes politics out of a very political job. It’s looking for help

By John Wildermuth

State Auditor Elaine Howle is on the recruiting trail, looking for California voters interested in a job that’s almost guaranteed to make them no friends at all.

Big-name Republican won’t run for California House seat. It’s a bad sign for GOP

By John Wildermuth

Democrats were quick to paint Scott Baugh’s decision as an admission that their newly minted members of Congress are just too strong to challenge.

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Sporting Green

Why Warriors' vaunted starting lineup is failing to meet expectations

By Connor Letourneau

From a talent standpoint, each of the Warriors' five regular starters warrants consistent double-teams. Why, then, are they laboring when faced with single coverage?

Is this recent slide a tipping point for the Warriors?

By Scott Ostler

There are signs the Warriors are wobbling, that this is a tipping point where they either gather themselves and reassert their dominance, or hit the playoffs vulnerable

Warriors expect Andrew Bogut to join team during upcoming trip

By Connor Letourneau

Golden State announced Bogut's signing Wednesday. He has received a letter of clearance from Australia's National Basketball League, where he recently won the MVP award.

Giants' Cameron Maybin responds to DUI charge: 'People know my character'

By John Shea

"It's not the way I wanted to start off my Giants career, but I think people know my character. I don't think this defines my character by any means."

Raiders' deal to stay in Coliseum another year

hits last-minute snag

By Phil Matier

“We have one significant open issue that needs to be resolved. Hopefully we will be able to settle it. This could very likely put us in a position where there is not a deal.”

Harvard grad Tanner Anderson a smart addition for A’s pitching staff

By Susan Slusser

Although he’s likely to open the season in Triple-A Las Vegas’ rotation, he has impressed this spring. His leg kick reminds pitching coach Scott Emerson of Bronson Arroyo.

Wide receiver Terrell Owens will be inducted into the 49ers’ Hall of Fame

By Eric Branch

Owens said he would “absolutely” attend his induction into the 49ers’ Hall of Fame, which will be held at an undetermined date during the regular season.

Bay Area girls choose to play baseball over softball, head to MLB event

By Ann Killion

The high school girls who are headed to Arlington, Texas, opted to play Little League and Pony League growing up. Many have been the only girl on their teams.

Cal women hope Pac-12 opener serves as a Sunday encore

By Rusty Simmons

Seventh-seeded Cal opens the Pac-12 tournament on Thursday in Las Vegas against 10th-seeded Washington State, a matchup that the Bears won 80-58.

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Biz+Tech

Judge proposes tighter tree-trimming oversight for PG&E

By J.D. Morris

He may impose several new requirements, including random inspections of its tree-trimming efforts and restrictions on its ability to pay dividends to shareholders.

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Opinion Central

Editorial: Can Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats save the internet?

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Democratic lawmakers aren't going to save the internet any more than they invented it. But they could restore a measure of protection for consumers.

Editorial: BART needs to beef up a weak effort to stop fare evaders

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Drive a car, you pay for gas. Ride a cab, you pay the fare. Ride BART, well ... Jump or slip past the turnstile and there's no problem even if you're stopped and ticketed.

San Francisco sheriff is seeking political cover for botched internal investigation

By Nancy Tung

This hearing is about broader departmental oversight. Supervisors should take the time to also address the integrity of the current investigation of the sheriff's office.

Open Forum: Free speech doesn't need the president fixing a cultural problem by executive order

By Pranav Jandhyala

I was attacked during the 2017 violent protests on UC Berkeley's campus, which sparked me to begin a two-year fight for free and open discourse on campus.

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Food & Culture

Oakland's Bay Grape team to open Mama, a grandma-inspired red sauce joint

By Esther Mobley

Keeping the menu options limited should help the couple, who met while working in restaurants in New York, keep their costs down.

Oren’s Hummus plots rapid expansion with new Oren’s Hummus Express in Palo Alto

By Justin Phillips

The new venture will have a service model based around pick-up and to-go options. The menu is a compilation of the brand’s greatest hits: hummus bowls, rice bowls and pitas.

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Datebook

Review: MTC’s ‘The Who and the What’ offers rare view of a Muslim father

By Lily Janiak

The play is refreshing in that it allows the playwright's traditional values, including what secular liberals might find objectionable, to come from love, not hate.

For International Women’s Month, envision a debate between AOC and Kellyanne

By Leah Garchik

Mindful of International Women’s Month, the 2020 debate that Tony Reveaux is hoping to see “will be Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez versus Kellyanne Conway.”

I'm not yet ready to give up on that giving-up thing for Lent

By Kevin Fisher-Paulson

Nick Hoppe has got it easy. This week he can write about Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras. I get Ash Wednesday, and, trust me, Mercredi Mince is a much harder sell.

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Chronicle Vault

Chronicle Covers: One historic story, two unbelievable tales

By Tim O'Rourke

The front page from March 7, 1965, featured the deployment of U.S. Marines to South Vietnam. But the stories we found lower on the page are begging to be brought up again.

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